

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A packaged beverage, comprising a green tea extract comprising the following ingredients (A), (B) and (C):

- (A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,
- (B) oxalic acid or a salt thereof, and
- (C) caffeine,

wherein:

a content weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of the oxalic acid or salt thereof (B) to the non-polymer catechins (A) is from 0.0005 to 0.05, and
a content weight ratio [(A)/(C)] of the non-polymer catechins (A) to the caffeine (C) is from 10 to 10000 wt. % being based on said packaged beverage.

Claim 2 (Original): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising (D) from 0.0001 to 20 wt% of a sweetener.

Claim 3-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions and from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 5.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the green tea extract is obtained by removing caffeine from a concentrate of green tea extract, the concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that a content weight ratio [(A)/(C)] of the non-polymer catechins (A) to the caffeine (C) falls within a range of from 10 to 10000.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is provided in a clear container.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is a soft drink.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 10, wherein the beverage is a carbonated beverage, a beverage with a fruit extract, a juice with a vegetable extract, a near water, or a sports drink.